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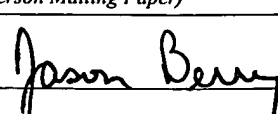
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TITLE : METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR INFERRING BOVINE TRAITS

Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR § 1.53(b):

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This request includes Three (3) sheets and the following:

- Application Data Sheet (4 pages);
- Preliminary Amendment (8 pages);
- Statement Under 37 CFR 1.821(f) (1 page);
- Verified Statement Under 37 CFR 1.821(f) (1 page);
- Two (2) CFR disks for Sequence Listing (includes duplicate);
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- Return Receipt Postcard.

This application is a provisional-to-utility application and claims the benefit under 35 USC § 119(e) of U.S. Application Serial Nos. 60/437,482 filed December 31, 2002. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of and is incorporated by reference in the disclosure of this application.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below: **SMALL ENTITY** status is claimed.

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